

Capital Project Sales Tax
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Committee Meeting

Friday, March 4, 2016
3:00pm

Park Plaza
600 Monument Street, Rm 104

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Theo Lane, Chairman
 Rusty Denning
 Heather Simmons-Jones
 Jim Medford
 Willie Norman

Staff Present: Toby Chappell, County Manager
 Charlie Barrineau, City Manager

The Committee Chairman, Theo Lane, called the meeting to order and recognized that there were no attendees present from the public.

Mr. Lane presented the packets that contained the three projects that were submitted. Mr. Lane mentioned that there would be a need for an Executive Session when the specific groups came in to play that related to Heather Simmons-Jones for the Partnership Alliance and/or Rusty Denning with Piedmont Technical College. The committee would like to give Dr. Skinner the opportunity to present the submission from the Genetic Center to give them equal representation. Mr. Lane will contact Dr. Skinner.

Heather Simmons-Jones presented the original submission and the addendum budget sheets for Partnership Alliance. Ms. Jones presented detail to each of the phases of the project submitted. There were no questions or comments following the initial presentation.

Rusty Denning presented the original submission. Mr. Medford assisted in some of the details of the presentation. Mr. Lane questioned some clarification of the “flex space” that is referenced in the project. This project enables PTC to expand on their programs offered in the Industry field. Mr. Lane asked for clarification about the “professional services fees” listed in the project. Mr. Denning gave clarification to the committee. No further questions.

Mr. Lane shared thoughts and ideas of how to evaluate and analyze the projects in a way that would be a positive output of the decisions.

Discussion regarding impact that accepting the submitted projects as proposed would have on Greenwood County, or negative experiences that have occurred because of the lack of these projects.

Ms. Jones mentioned that she will bring some additional information that will support the need for the projects for the Partnership Alliance.

Mr. Lane asked questions to the committee about the level of Non-Disclosure and also the need for an Executive Session during any future meetings. Executive Session will be place on the remaining Agendas to enable the Chairman the decision if it is necessary.

Discussion regarding the general understanding of the submission from the Genetic Center from the committee members at this point so far without the presentation from Dr. Skinner. Committee members agreed that they have reviewed the submission and have had some further clarification of the project from Dr. Skinner through other venues.

Discussion regarding the Genetic Center submission standards to be within the requirements of the project. Mr. Chappell confirmed that it is not that it has to be of public use, but of public purpose. Mr. Barrineau gave an example of these types of projects.

Continued discussion regarding some known details of the Genetic Center project. Also continued discussion regarding questions the committee will have for Dr. Skinner about the project. Further clarification and details will be given by Dr. Skinner at the next committee meeting.

Discussion regarding the measuring tools to be used for rating the specifics of each project. A list of questions will be compiled to get clarification regarding the Genetic Center.

Discussion regarding some additional information needed to support the project submitted for the Partnership Alliance. Heather Simmons-Jones will provide this additional information.

Discussion regarding the timeline within the 6-7 years of the placement of the projects and the spending of the funds.

Discussion regarding the timeline of the project selection process.

Mr. Lane thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45pm.